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LOK SABHA

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NATIOAL INSTITUTE OF SUGARCANE AND SUGAR TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to establish National Institute of Sugarcane and SugarTechnology (NISST) at Mau during 1993-94 when already similar Institute (NSI, Kanpur) existedresulting into unproductive expenditure of Rs. 16.72 crore as on September, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for establishing NISST at Mau, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to control wasteful expenditure like this?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): The Central Government decided to establish the National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology (NISST) at Mau ir Uttar Pradesh in 1993-94. The objective for setting up the Institute was to conduct short-term courses for sugarcane farmers and the technicians of the sugar industry mainly from Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and also to provide extensionservices to sugarcane farmers and sugar industry in that region. At a later date, it was decided to introduce teaching courses at post graduate level in the fields of Sugarcane Technology, Sugar Technology, Sugar Engineering, Industrial Fermentation & Alcohol Technology and also to conduct the research work in these fields.

The Central Monitoring Group, in its meeting held on 27th January, 2000, recommended as follows:-

`As the National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology, Mau has not yet fullydeveloped as an Institution, though a substantial investment has been made in infrastructure like buildings; the group strongly recommended the winding up of this Institution and transfer of the buildings along with land to any Central Agency, which is looking for accommodation in this area. If no such central institution shows any interest, the Department should also explore the possibility of transferring the assets to the State Governments. The specialized functions, if any, which are to be performed by this Institute could as well as be entrusted to the NSI, Kanpur which has a good track report in promotion of sugar technology and in training of personnel for eventual employment in sugar industry.`

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Central Monitoring Group, Government has taken up the matter of transfer of the assets of NISST to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) so that the assets created at NISST, Mau and the capital expenditur incurred on it can be fruitfully utilised by the Council which is a body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation. The Planning Commission has conveyed its no objection to ICAR for taking over and utilizing the assets and the infrastructure at NISST, Mau.